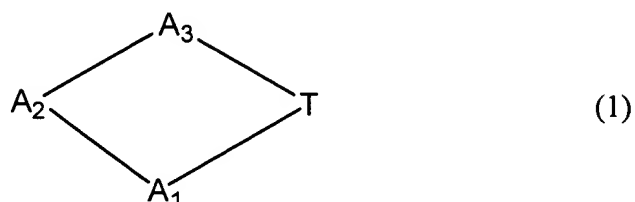


## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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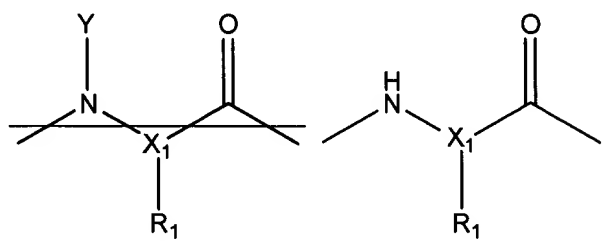
Claims 1-33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1):



and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts,  
wherein

Fragment A<sub>1</sub> is:

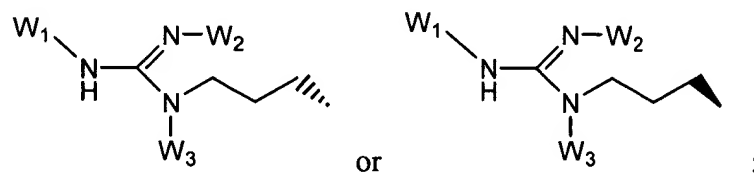


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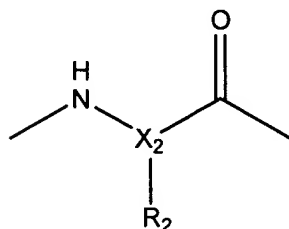
~~Y is H,~~

X<sub>1</sub> is -CH-, and

R<sub>1</sub> is



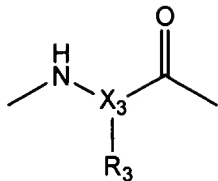
Fragment A<sub>2</sub> is:



X<sub>2</sub> is -CH-, and

R<sub>2</sub> is H;

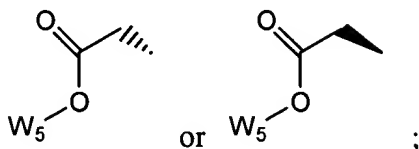
Fragment A<sub>3</sub> is:



wherein

X<sub>3</sub> is -CH-, and

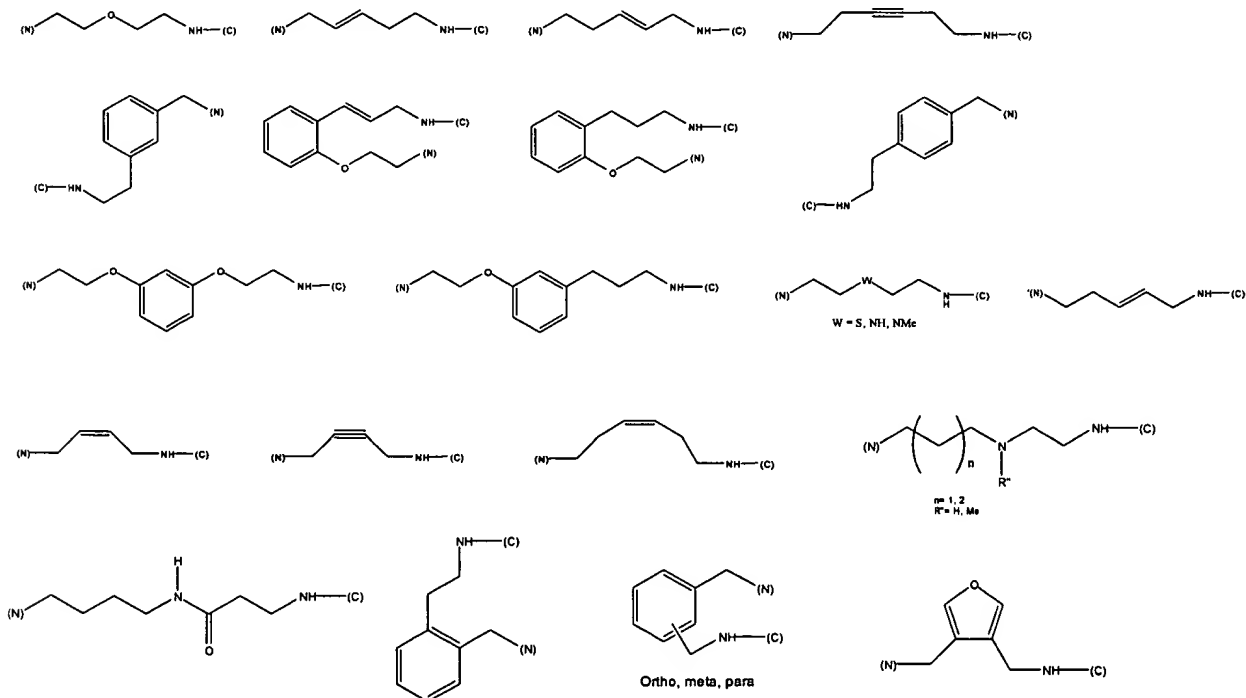
R<sub>3</sub> is

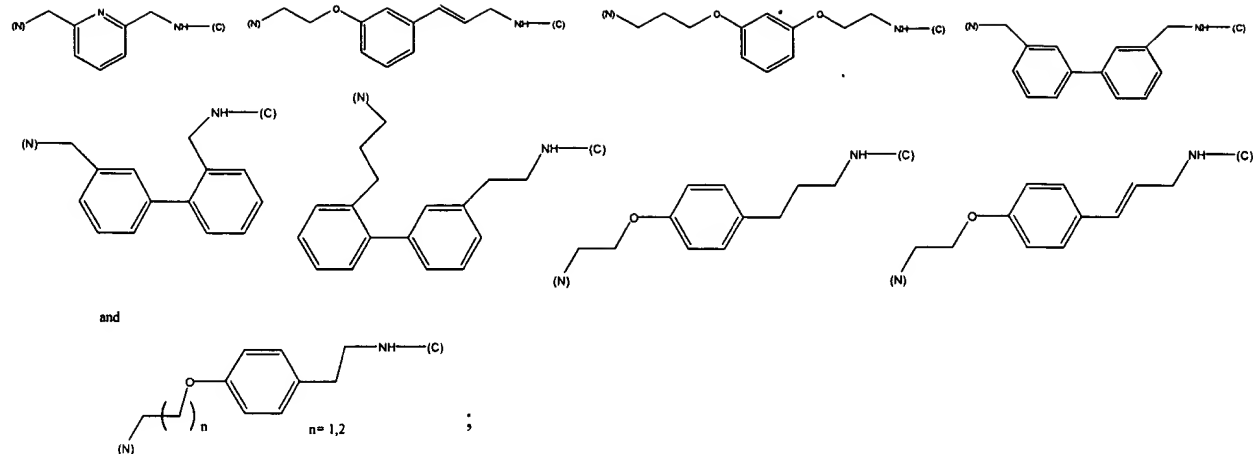


W<sub>1</sub>, W<sub>2</sub>, W<sub>3</sub>, and W<sub>5</sub> are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and protecting groups used for orthogonal protection in peptide synthesis;

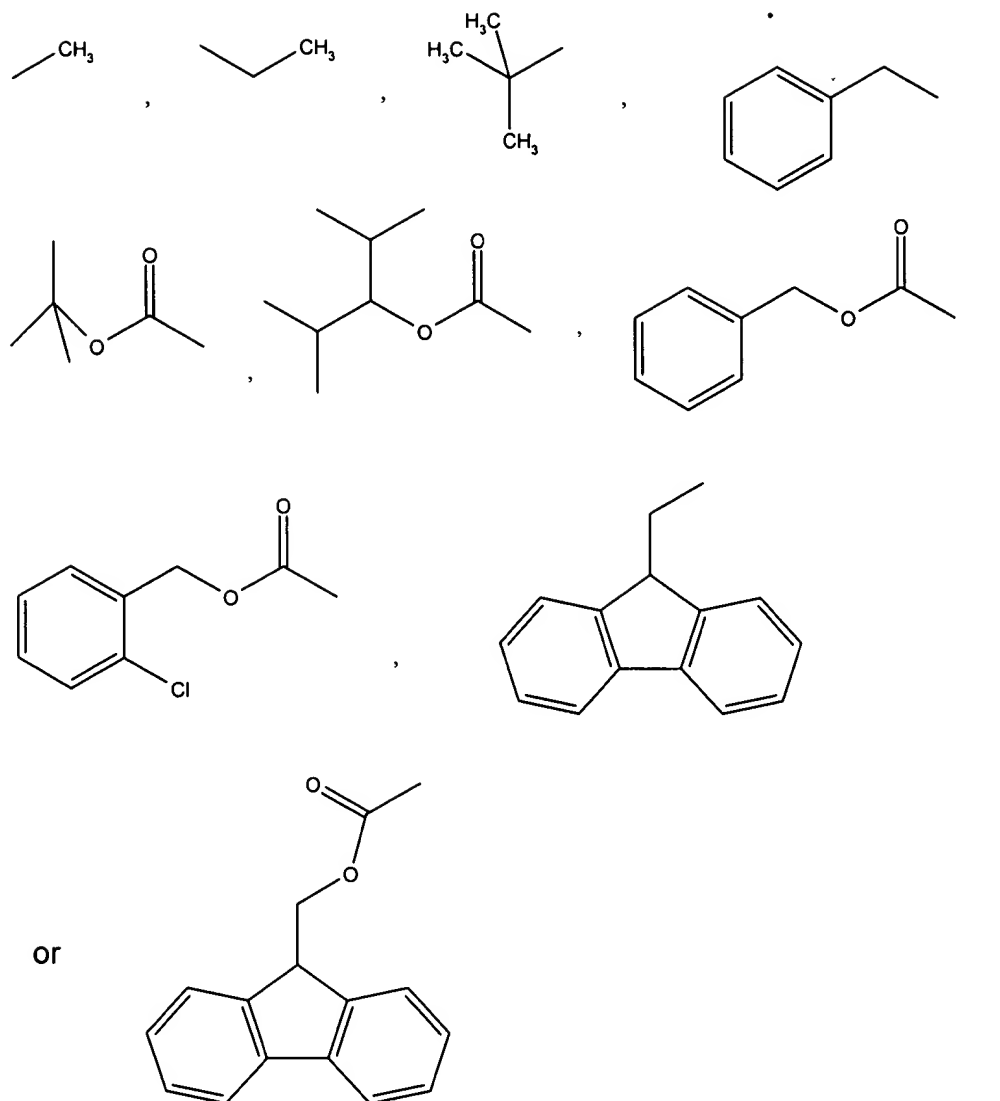
wherein the carbonyl carbon of A<sub>1</sub> is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A<sub>2</sub>, and the carbonyl carbon of A<sub>2</sub> is covalently bonded to the nitrogen atom of A<sub>3</sub>;

Fragment T is a radical selected from the group consisting of:





Claim 35 (previously presented): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein W<sub>1</sub>, W<sub>2</sub>, W<sub>3</sub>, and W<sub>5</sub> are each selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a compatible protecting group chosen from:



Claim 36 (previously presented): A macrocyclic compound of the formula (1) as defined in claim 34, wherein  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ ,  $W_3$ , and  $W_5$  each represents hydrogen.

Claims 37-42 (canceled)